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Austries as follows:

- A. 1-page report, dated 14 May 1952, giving analysis and quantities of steel delivered to Hennigsdorf from the Lippendorf Alloy Plant.
- B. 1-page report, dated 17 June 1952, on a subcontractor's meeting at Henry Pels, Erfurt. About 20-25 firms were represented; the chief discussion centered on the elevating platform (Hebe-tisch) program.
- C. 1-page report, dated 17 June 1952, stating that firm Struetsel, Executive Director of the Frankleben Steel Works has been transferred to the Berlin-Werder Construction Union possibly presaging a revitalization of the aircraft industry since Struetsel was associated with Junkers during the war.
- D. 1-page report, dated 19 June 1952, giving the production of Hennigsdorf for May as 19,834 tons of molten steel; 17,787 tons of rolled products; 10,384 tons of cast iron; 12,732 tons of steel castings. A production quota of 385,000 tons for 1953, suggested by the Ministry, was rejected by the plant management.
- E. 2-page report, dated 20 June 1952, on a suppliers' meeting at Ernst Thälmann Plant, Magdeburg. 450 persons from SAG's (Soviet Corporation), VEB's (People-Owned Enterprise), and private firms attended; 20 representatives from the reparations office were present. The purpose of the meeting was to impress the subcontractors with the urgency of meeting reparation orders deadlines. Heavy penalties for breach of contract were threatened. Steel castings and cast iron continue to be serious bottlenecks for these suppliers.
- F. 2-page report, dated 21 June 1952, on SAG Sachsenwerk, Niedersiedlitz stating, inter alia, 15-20 freight cars of manufactured products leave the plant daily; there are 4,800 workers and 1,000 office employees; chief customer is USSR; morale among workers is poor; firm Furmanko and firm Pomer are the Russian and German Directors, respectively.
- G. 1-page report, dated 1 July 1952, on the East Metallurgical Combine, Fuerstenberg/Oder, stating that furnaces I and II are producing 400 tons of good quality iron daily; that furnace III is under construction; and that a new magnet crane has been received recently.
- H. 3-page report, dated 23 June 1952, on the West Metallurgical Combine, Calbe/Seale. The report states that furnace I is still "a sick child," but furnace II runs like a watch - although the iron produced has so much manganese and sulfur content that it is unsuitable for processing into steel. The report also states that an effort will be made to obtain ~~sublim~~ a 60 fireclay from [redacted].
- I. 1-page report, dated 2 July 1952, stating that the ballbearing industry is being expanded far beyond the quota limits of the Five-Year Plan; Czechoslovakia is going to furnish to the Furstenberg Ballbearing Factory some special machinery which will be paid for out of current farm crops.
- J. 2-page report, dated 2 July 1952, on VEB Polygraph, Goerlitz, giving pertinent details on the plant such as items produced, i.e. rotary duplicating machines, fire-fighting equipment, special large size wing nuts, and, since April 1952, conveyors; there are 250 workers, 50 apprentices, and 100 office employees; main customers are Poland and the GDR People's Police; the Technical Director is firm Wendlandt.

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